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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER ENDS KINSHASA VISIT

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1. FONMIN SOARES GAVE TELEVISION INTERVIEW HERE NOV 26 FOLLOWING HIS SECOND MEETING WITH MOBUTU AND PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR (REF B) AND DEPARTURE FOR LISBON. MAIN POINTS WERE THESE. SOARES MET WITH LEADERS OF FNLA AND UNITA; AND ALSO SPOKE WITH DANIEL CHIPENDA. NO DOCUMENTS WERE SIGNED BUT PROGRESS WAS MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS. ACCEPTABLE FORMULA APPEARS TO BE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA WITH REPRESENTATION FROM FNLA, UNITA, AND MPLA. STILL TO BE WORKED OUT IS

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SENTATION FROM FNLA, UNITA, AND MPLA. STILL TO BE WORKED OUT IS

ORGANIZATION OF ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE WITH AGREED AGENDA. MAIN PROBLEM REMAINS FACT THAT MPLA IS DIVIDED. PORTUGAL CANNOT RUN RISK OF CALLING CONFERENCE THAT WOULD FAIL. ITS MAIN CONCERN IS THAT DECOLONIZATION OF ANGOLA TAKE PLACE PEACEFULLY, WHICH NOT EASY SINCE EMOTIONS RUNNING HIGH THERE. PORTUGAL'S LAST SERVICE TO ANGOLA MUST BE TO BRING ABOUT ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POWER TO REGIME UNDER WHICH INTERESTS OF ALL ANGOLANS, WHATEVER THEIR ORIGINS, WOULD BE PROTECTED.

2. COMMENT. SOARES CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN HIS TALKS WITH UNITA'S SAVIMBI AND FNLA'S HOLDEN, WHOM HE CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS, AND CHIPENDA, WHOM HE DID NOT LABEL. PORTUGUESE CONSUL MONTEIRO, WHO ACCOMPANIED SOARES THROUGHOUT VISIT, TOLD EMBOFF NOV 27 THAT MOBUTU SHOULD GET HIGH MARKS FOR BRINGING SAVIMBI AND HOLDEN TOGETHER (REF A). HE BELIEVES MOBUTU WILL NOW REDOUBLE EFFORTS AMONG HIS FELLOW AFRICAN LEADERS TO PROMOTE MPLA UNITY SO AS TO PERMIT EARLY ROUND TABLE MEETING. MONTERIO SAID MOBUTU HAD PROMISED THAT ZAIRE WOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AS SOON AS DECOLONIZATION OF ANGOLA IS DEFINITELY ON TRACK, AND BOTH SOARES AND MOBUTU ARE HOPEFUL THIS WILL HAPPEN BEFORE NEXT OAU MEETING IN FEBRUARY. HINTON

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